

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and in view of the reasons that follow.

Claims 11 and 12 are cancelled. Claim 13 is currently being amended.

This amendment changes and deletes claims in this application. A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the application, irrespective of whether the claim(s) remain under examination in the application, is presented, with an appropriate defined status identifier.

After amending the claims as set forth above, claims 1-10, 13, 14 and 16 are now pending in this application.

Drawings

In the Office Action, the drawings were objected to because Figure 3 does not disclose the "read/write device" 31. In response, Figure 3 has been amended to identify the read/write device 31. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and that the objection be withdrawn.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating that claims 1-10, 14, and 16 are allowed and that claim 13 contains allowable subject matter. Accordingly, claim 13 has been amended to include all the limitations of claim 11. Thus, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 13 is now allowable as amended.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 11 and 12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,527,356 ("Spurr et al."). In response, without agreeing or acquiescing to the rejection, Applicant cancels claims 11 and 12. In addition, Applicant rewrites claim 13 in independent form and amends claim 13 to include all the limitations of claim 11. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection be withdrawn and claims 1-10, 13, 14 and 16 be allowed.

Conclusion

Applicant believes that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

At any time during the pendency of this application, please charge any fees required or credit any over payment to Deposit Account 08-2025 pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.25. Additionally, charge any fees to Deposit Account 08-2025 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 through § 1.21 inclusive, and any other sections in Title 37 of the Code of Federal Regulations that may regulate fees.

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Amendments to the Drawings:

The formal drawing Replacement Sheet attached in connection with the above-identified application containing Figure 3 is being presented as new formal drawing sheet to be substituted for the previously submitted drawing sheet. The drawing Figure 3 has been amended. The specific changes which have been made are listed below:

FIGURE 3:

The number 31 has been added to identify the “read/write device.”